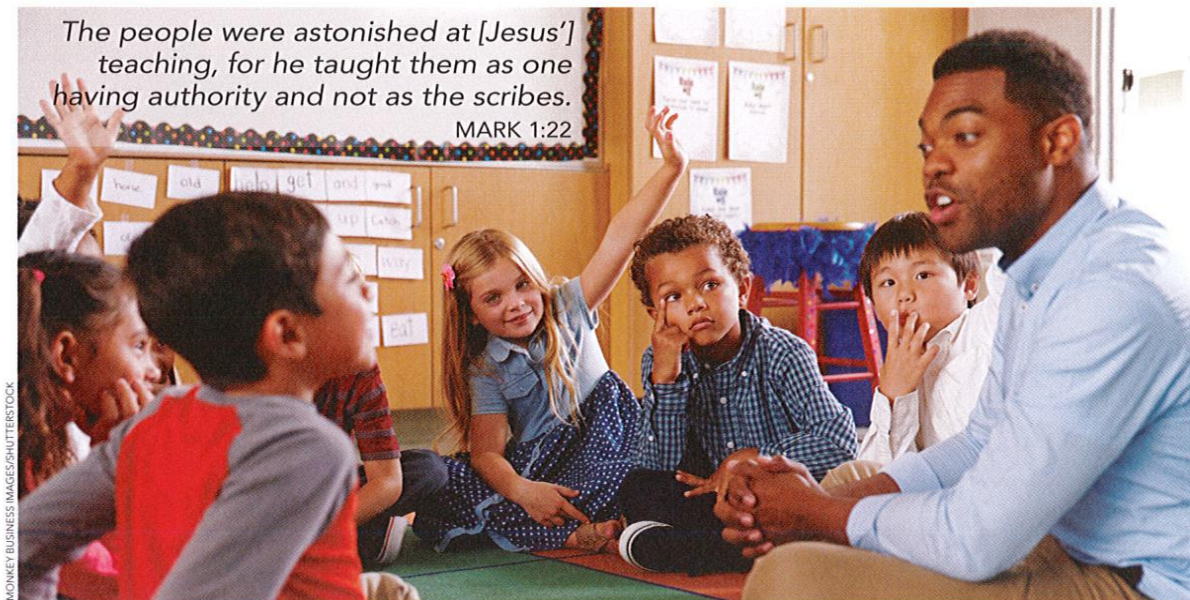


The people were astonished at [Jesus'] teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

MARK 1:22



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Teaching with Authority

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right

out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *As a disciple of Jesus, whose voice are you inclined to follow? Why?*
- ✧ *What is your attitude toward official authority? Is this a good attitude to hold?*

AS OF JANUARY 29, 2021: WE ARE STILL IN COVID-19 RED PHASE.

NO MASSES SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 / 31, 2021.



*The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
& for those who sat in the region & shadow of death,
light has dawned.*

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton NB E1C 4W9
St. Vincent (Sackville) & St. Clement's (Port Elgin)

MASS TIMES – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-7, 2021

ALL MASSES LISTED BELOW MAY BE CANCELLED - DEPENDING ON COVID-19 LEVEL

St. Bernard's	Friday @ 9:30 AM – check parish phone message to confirm – 857-0425
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM – check parish phone message to confirm – 857-0425
	Sunday @ 11:00 AM – check parish phone message to confirm – 857-0425
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9:00 AM – check parish phone message to confirm – 536-1460
St. Clement's	Every 2 nd Saturday @ 7 PM – check parish phone to confirm – 538-2262

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator:	Fr. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice:	Claudia McCloskey
Assistant: (part-time)	Fr. Charles Broderick	Catechetics:	Lorella Dunnett
Liturgy	Darlene McGraw	Adult Faith:	Dr. Andrew Wilson

STAFF

Secretary	Darlene McGraw	sbhf@rogers.com or darlenemcgraw@rogers.com
Catechetical Coordinator	Lorella Dunnett	Lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com
Bookkeeper	Louise Tardif	
Custodian	Michel Saulnier	
Facilities Manager	Mike Murphy	

Access to the Parish office is restricted.

Phone messages & emails are checked regularly.

If you wish to make an appointment call the parish office to arrange a time.

Parish office: 506-857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-7-, 2021

ALL MASSES LISTED BELOW MAY BE CANCELLED-DEPENDING ON COVID-19 LEVEL

Friday	Feb. 5	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Krista (VanBuskirk) Porter	Mom, Dad, Todd & family
Saturday	Feb. 6	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Lucy & Joseph Melanson	Linda & Guy Chiasson
Sunday	Feb. 7	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Rod Landry	Lucy Cormier

Changes to current Covid-19 phase will be noted on the parish phone (857-0425) and the parish website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER
 CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:
ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca
OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425.



A time to mourn...

Our sincere sympathies to the families of:

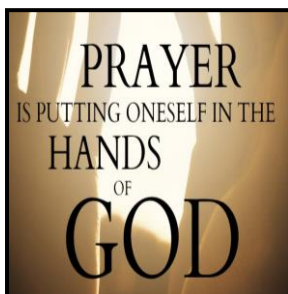
Lisa Fearon	Daughter of Esther & (late) Austin, sister of Bill, David, Mary, and niece of Ola Williams
Tom McClafferty	Husband of (late) Irene, father of Gerard, Paul, Sean, Nora & Gisele
<i>And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.</i>	



Ecclesiastes 3...

*Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...
 We remember in our prayers those who are sick...*

Rob Robichaud	Alex Cormier	Jim Damiani
Roger Berube	Beverly LeBlanc	
Beth Purcell	Menard Chiasson	
Bernie Cormier	Judy Chiasson	



Listening and Prayer

Are you in need of prayer?

Are you going through a difficult time?

You can confide in the prayers of the
 Notre-Dame-du Sacré-Coeur Sisters.

Phone 388-1701 or 1-800-561-3995.

**Hours: 9:30 - 11:30 AM and 2 - 4 PM (Mon-Fri),
 6 - 8 PM on Wednesdays.**

OFFERINGS

MASSES CANCELLED JANUARY 23 & 24, 2021 – RE: COVID-19 RED PHASE

OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL:

Envelopes	1,611.00 (63)	People in need	\$ 30.00 (1)
Grant	\$ 500.00 (1)	Needs of Cdn Church	\$ 10.00 (1)
New Year's	\$ 215.00 (6)	Christmas	\$ 10.00 (1)
Ash Wednesday	\$ 30.00 (2)	All Soul's	\$ 10.00 (1)
Parish Religious Ed	\$ 10.00 (1)	Evang. of peoples	\$ 10.00 (1)
Capital Expenditure	\$ 220.00 (12)		



Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



2021 New Brunswick Home Energy Assistance Program

The Home Energy Assistance Program provides a \$100 benefit designed to help low-income families cope with high energy prices.

The program will provide a payment of \$100 to families with incomes up to and including \$30,000.

Application forms are available at: entrance of St. Bernard's, and online at:

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/finance/promo/heap/program.html>

Chimo HELPLINE

PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE
HELP IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY

1-800-667-5005
LIVE CHAT HOURS 5PM-12AM DAILY

Chimo is a provincial crisis phone line, accessible **24 hours a day, 365 days a year** to all residents of NB. **Their mission** is to serve the community by providing a competent level of crisis intervention, referrals, and vital information in a caring, confidential manner. They **can help** by providing a listening ear, helpful information, crisis intervention and referrals to resources in the province of N.B. **Did you know?** Chimo is an Inuit word that means friendship. They **are:** Toll Free

Telephone Number, confidential, non-judgmental, supportive, & bilingual. They are **committed to helping with any issue:** thoughts of suicide, emotional distress, anxiety, general information/resources, loneliness, relationships, depression, & mental health. They may be contacted at their provincial helpline number: 1-800-667-5005.



From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development,
Liturgy and Youth Faith Development
45 York Street Trevor 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com
Ellen857-9952_ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com

Catechetical Gatherings: Until we return to Yellow Alert Level, children's catechism will be held virtually. Please arrange with your parish catechetical coordinator to have the necessary supplies for the sessions.

Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom): Learn about faith using science experiments! Designed for young people in grades 1-6, participants will be guided step by step through various fun and simple science experiments that will help them to learn more about faith and scripture. The next sessions will take place at 6:30 pm on February 22, and March 22. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com to register.

The End is Nigh of an Era: Exploring the Book of Revelations, Part 2: *Can you provide further explanations of the many symbols in the Book of Revelations? How would events of different ages have lined up with passages from Revelation?*

The continued conversation about the Book of Revelations will take place virtually on Tuesday, February 16th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Join presenters, Dr. Fiona Black and Dr. Andrew Wilson as they answer questions which surfaced at the first session and dig a little deeper into the end of the world images we see in these passages. It is not necessary to have attended the first session to join us. Contact Ellen to register.

"We're All in this Together": Exploring Pope Francis's encyclicals, Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti: In all his writing, Pope Francis calls us to see the world through a different lens, emphasizing the unconditional and unending love of God for all God has created and the importance of our connectedness with this creation. In *Laudato Si'*, calling us to care for our common home, he states: "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change." (LS#13) In *Fratelli Tutti*, on fraternity and social friendship, he says: "To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family, dwelling in a common home." (FT#17) Lent is the Church's season of repentance and conversion. What better time to dig deeper into the message these two beautiful documents wish to share with us? Join Sr. Denise Lirette, fj and Dr. Andrew Wilson on February 18, March 4 and March 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. as they share the message contained in these words of Francis, and explore with us, how we should respond. Given the fluidity of the COVID-19 challenges, we are uncertain at this time, whether these gatherings will be a hybrid of physical and virtual, or completely virtual. We'll keep you posted on that. For now, register with Ellen, and we will see where we are led.



COVID-19: RED phase: January 19th Update

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

NB Public Health has just announced that Zone 1 (Moncton area), Zone 2 (Saint John area) and Zone 3 (Fredericton area) will move to the red level as of midnight on January 19th, 2021.

This will result in the closure of all our churches as religious services or indoor gatherings are not permitted. All announced masses are cancelled starting January 20th, inclusively. I will issue further instructions if any other adjustments or information should come from the provincial authorities.

We must understand the apprehensions of Public Health and work with them by following the guidelines to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. As a Church, we remain concerned for the health and well-being of our faithful.

May the Lord bless us and continue to watch over us.

Archbishop Valéry Vienneau, Archbishop of Moncton

*Always pray
and never
give up.*

Prayers of the Faithful – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all of us, the Church; striving to listen to God's voice in our daily lives.

We pray:

For elected officials in all communities and nations, committed to serving the public good with integrity and compassion. **We pray:**

For the poor throughout the world, and for those most affected by the pandemic.

We pray:

For those whose hearts have been hardened to the world's suffering. **We pray:**

For all who live with anxiety, fear, or trauma. **We pray:**

For the sick, for those who have died, for those who mourn, and for the unspoken intentions that we hold in the silence of our hearts.

We pray:





2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

As a result of Covid-19 and the need to always maintain six feet social distancing, tax receipts **will not be available for pick up at the church or parish office**. Once tax receipts are ready, they will be mailed out to parishioners.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generous support to the Parish.



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE - FEBRUARY 2ND

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord." (Saint John Paul II, 1997)



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is approaching!

Lent begins Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer.

Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent normally come from the branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.



REMINDER TO BRING IN PALM

When the church re-opens: A basket will be placed in the church entrance to receive your palm. It would be helpful if your palm were cut into small lengths, as that saves much time for those who will be burning the palms.

Dear Padre,

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?

You raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when

we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the cross....Although man frequently equates authority with control, dominion, success, for God authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet.

ADDRESS TO INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF SUPERIORS GENERAL, MAY 8, 2013

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 2

*Presentation
of the Lord*

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

or 2:22-32

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 5

*St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr*

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 6

*St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs*

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 7

*Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39